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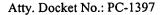
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed June 23, 2004, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse Invention I, Claims 1 - 17.

Based on the restriction requirement Applicant lists claims identified by the methods readable thereon as follows:

Invention number (I) Claims 1-17 are drawn to a barrel, classified in class 42, subclass 77.

Invention number (II) Claim 18 is drawn to a method of using a barrel, classified in class 89, subclass 29.

Invention number (III) Claims 19-25 are drawn to a method of forming a barrel, classified in class 89, subclass 14.7.

In reference to the Restriction requirement, Applicants again wish to make their election to prosecute the invention of Invention 1, Claims 1 -17. If further restrictions are merited, please let us know. Applicants disagree with the restriction requirement for several reasons.

A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exist that inherently would include separate prior art searches, examinations, examiners, etc. The Primary Examiner does not state that different art units and/or different examiners would need to search and examine the inventions of Invention I through III. If Inventions I through III can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicants.

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Thus, any restriction requirement could have the effect of having different examiners working on the other inventions. Further, multiple examinations on these inventions would be repetitive and excessive. For these reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

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